

AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWINGS

Please find enclosed replacement sheets showing proposed amendments to Figs. 2 and 3 for the approval of the Examiner.

Figs. 2 and 3 have been amended. The attached sheets of formal drawings replace the original sheets including Figs. 2 and 3.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated January 11, 2006.

Claims 1-22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0235481 to Shimizu. While applicant disagrees with the basis of the rejection, it has opted to cancel the claims without prejudice and to proceed with newly presented claims 23-46. The language of these claims has been selected to more clearly distinguish over the art of record and to be compliant with the dictates of 35 U.S.C. §112.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the pending claims and pass this case to issue.

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Fig. 2 (Prior Art)

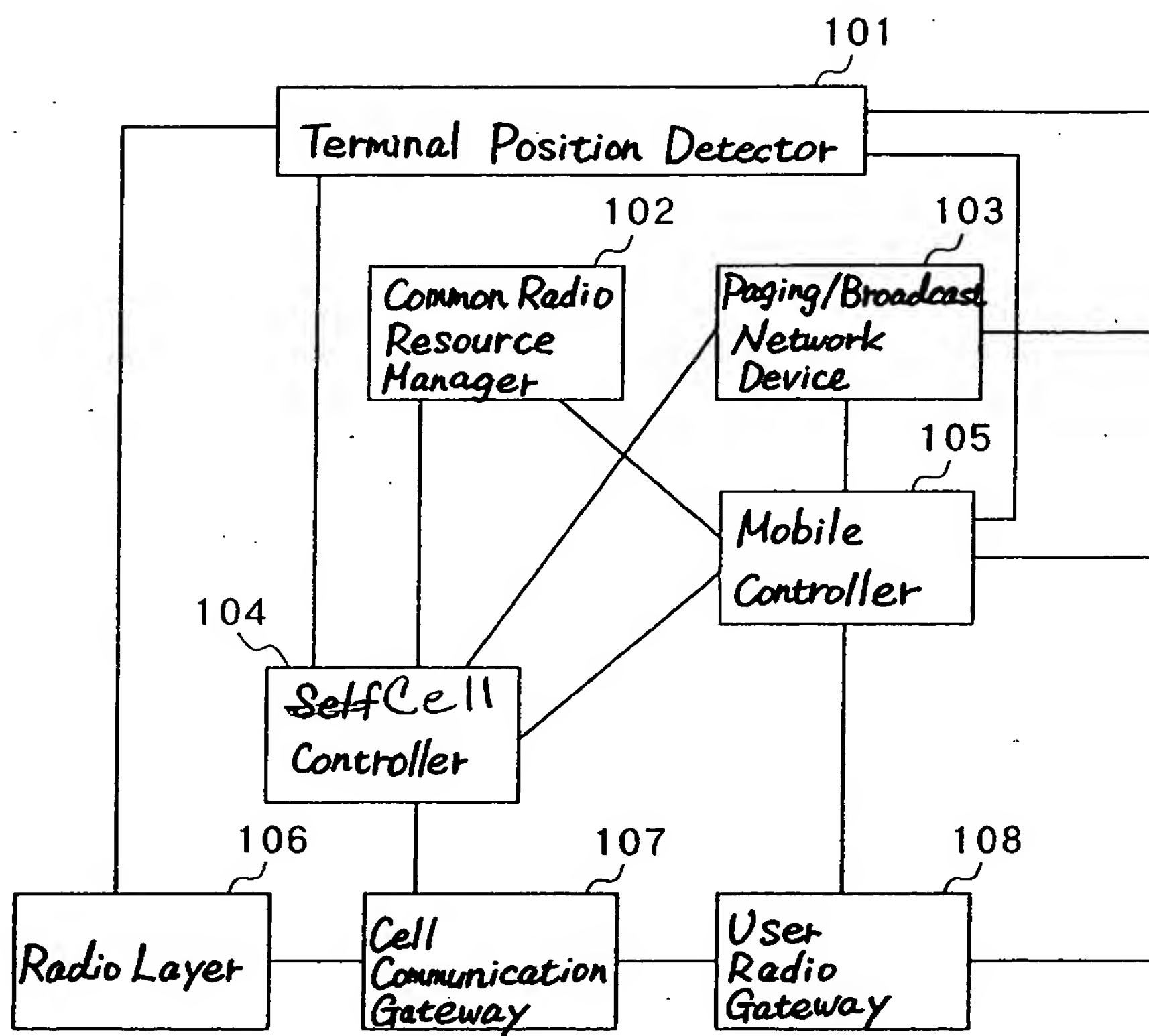


Fig. 3

